



**FIRST MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
Manila, Philippines • 25–26 March 2002

AGENDA

25 March 2002, Monday

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:30 Session One**
(Chair: PRC; Co-chair: Asian Development Bank)
- 9:00-9:10 [Opening Speech](#)**
Mr. Tadao Chino, President, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 9:10-9:30 Report on the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) to the Ministerial Conference**
Mr. Geert van der Linden, Director General, East and Central Asia Department
- This report will summarize the discussions held at the SOM and recommendations made for endorsement by the ministers. Presentations in the afternoon will expand on the developments since the SOM.
- 9:30-10:00 *Photo Session and Tea/Coffee Break*
- 10:00-12:00 Session Two**
(Chair: Kazakhstan; Co-chair: Asian Development Bank)
- 10:00-11:15 Country Opening Statements**
(People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan)
- 11:15-11:30 *Break*
- 11:30-12:00 Invited Speech: Trade Facilitation and Customs Cooperation in the Context of Regional Economic Cooperation**
Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organization
- 12:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 Session Three**

(Chair: Kyrgyz Republic; Co-chair: Asian Development Bank)

Support for Economic Cooperation in Transport, Energy and Trade Facilitation: Progress Report

(By Mr. Kunio Senga, Director, Operations Coordination Division, ECRD)

The objective of this session is to focus on key long-term development challenges of the region and how to meet them effectively through economic cooperation. ADB will make a short presentation, which will

- review ADB's support in the area of transport, energy and trade facilitation
- report on new developments since the SOM
- present a 3-year regional assistance program for review by the ministers.

There will also be time for discussing other areas of interest.

Country Comments and Discussions

15:30-16:00

Tea/Coffee break

16:00-17:30

Session Four

(Chair: Tajikistan; Co-chair: Asian Development Bank)

Observers' Statements

26 March 2002, Tuesday

9:00-10:30

Session Five

(Chair: Uzbekistan; Co-chair: Asian Development Bank)

9:00-9:45 Presentation: Reconstruction and Development of Afghanistan – Impact on Central Asia

(By South Asia Regional Department, ADB)

9:45-10:30 Presentation: Fergana Valley Area Development

(By World Bank)

10:30-11:00

Tea/Coffee break

11:00-12:30

Session Six

(Chair: Mr. Joseph Eichenberger, Vice President, Operations 2)

Consideration and Adoption of the Ministerial Statement

Country Closing Remarks

ADB Closing Remarks

(By Mr. Joseph Eichenberger, By Vice President, Operations 2)